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Writing Lesson Plans by Joe Shermis

I lit out for my very soul,
I searched for greens, and blues,
I dipped down into blood and guts,
And worked from writing cues;
It came to me in sprinkles,
With intermittent rain
That stretched the length
Of all good things
And back around to pain...

I searched for what I could convey,
I looked at film and page,
I separated what I felt
From the poet's mental rage;
It came to me in moments
That those blues and greens were felt,
And as I pasted what I found
I played what I was deal...

I asked for strength and guidance,
I prayed for more than rain,
Requesting that the answer
Transcend the truth of pain;
It raised the simple question,
Why do poems rhyme,
And what lights up
Our very soul
When keeping things in time...?